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Jefferson, GA - The Humane Society of Jackson County (HSJC) has received a grant from the Pedigree Foundation in the amount of \$891.00. The grant is earmarked for the Raise the Woof shelter project and will specifically be used to support the capital campaign to build Jackson County's first animal shelter. The grant was awarded through the Pedigree Foundations' "Dogs Rule Program." The mission of the Pedigree Foundation is to help dogs find loving homes.

The shelter project has been underway for almost one year and has had several accomplishments. Ken Rhyne and Jacque Edmonds, internationally recognized architects, from Urban Design Group have volunteered their services and all the engineering services will be provided by Clark Patterson Lee Design Professionals at no cost. Claibourne Jordan was hired as the shelter campaign director and is leading the fundraising for the shelter project. HSJC representatives are currently working with the Jackson County Board of Commissions to secure a long-term lease on a parcel of county land. Monetary donations are needed from individuals, as well as, in-kind donations that will support the building efforts. For more information on the Shelter Project/Raise the Woof Campaign, please visit the shelter website at www.raisethewoof.weebly.com or call 706-367-1111.

The next event for the Humane Society is a Pet Photography Workshop. The class will be held on Saturday, January 28th from 10:00 to 11:30 at the Humane Society of Jackson County office (98 College Street in Jefferson). The cost is \$10 or it is free for HSJC Foster parents. Sarina Roth of Never the Rock Photography will be teaching the class. For more information on the class or to pre-register, please call the Humane Society office at 706-367-1111.

Established in 1998, the Humane Society of Jackson County was the vision of native Marjorie Butler, who worked with Bob and Sandy Wells to make her dream a reality. A low- and no-cost spay neuter program was started in 2006, and in February of 2007, the group got its Department of Agriculture License and began rescuing and placing homeless animals. In 2008, volunteers launched a courtesy placement program to assist with animals that needed re-homing that the group could not accommodate, since it currently operates through an all-foster home network. This year, the organization launched its capital campaign to raise funds for the shelter. HSJC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and donations are tax deductible. Member meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the 2nd month of each quarter at locations around the county. For more information, visit the web site at www.hsjc.com or call 706-367-1111.